

Webchat Moderator: 本次聊天的主题是"移民美国需慎重考虑", 请提问与此主题相关的问题. We will answer questions related to this given topic only - "Immigrating To The U.S. Is An Important Decision".

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Webchat Moderator: 请在对话框中输入您的问题,我们会保存您的问题在 12 月 17 日 16:00-17:00 集中回答。Please enter your questions in the text box below. We will answer your questions on Dec 17, 4-5pm.

Visa Officer Marc Cook: Hello everyone, welcome to the online session about the process of immigrating to the US and obtaining an IV visa. I'm looking forward to answering your questions.

hu 2: hello ,my mom is american citixen and i already have GUZnumber ,that case take so long time and i want to see my mom by travel in this spring festival and can i get temperatory visa from shenyang embassy?i am living sheyang now and that will convenience for me and thank you for payattention about my question!have a good holiday !

Visa Officer Marc Cook: You are able to apply for a non-immigrant visa while your pending IV visa is being processed. But, to receive a B2 visa, you must prove to the interviewing officer that you do not intend to immigrate to the US until after completing the ongoing IV process. For obvious reasons, this is often a difficult thing to prove.

Wendy: CIS approved my immigrant visa petition on 15th of July, 2008. So could you please tell me when could I receive a notice or anything else?

Visa Officer Marc Cook: Petition processing times depend on a number of factors, including how quickly petitioners respond to requests for information. Petitioners should probably plan on their petitions taking at least six months to be approved by USCIS. After petitions are approved, they are passed along to the National Visa Center before ultimately being sent to Guangzhou. In your case, if you believe documentation is still required or pending for further processing of your petition, please contact the local USCIS office where you filed the petition.

JIHONG WANG: Hi! Good morning! Are you only talk about Visitor and Student's Visa?

Visa Officer Marc Cook: Actually, we are not discussing visitor or student visas (non-immigrant visas) during this session. If you have questions regarding the NIV process please visit website: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv-form.html>

christine : I would like to know if I want to go to USA with baby girl to meet my husband and immigrate there, which way is faster? By K1 or K3? thanks a lot for answer

Visa Officer Marc Cook: If you are already married to the petitioner (your husband) you would not be eligible to apply for a K1 visa - a visa only applicable to couples planning to marry. To find out the process of filing a K3 petition, please have your husband visit our website which provides step by step guidance on the process:

http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/iv_k3/k4.htm

Kitty: Dear Visa Officer, could you explain what is CR visa? What is the difference between CR and IR visa? Thanks

Visa Officer Marc Cook: U.S. citizens may apply for IR1 immigrant visas on behalf of their foreign national spouses by filing a Form I-130 Immigrant Petition with their local USCIS office. If the sponsoring U.S. citizen has been residing in China for longer than six months, the I-130 may be filed at the USCIS offices in Beijing or Guangzhou, depending on where in China the petitioner is living. Beneficiaries otherwise entitled to IR1 visa classification will be granted "conditional status" (in the form of a CR1 visa) at the time of visa issuance if the basis for immigration is a marriage to a petitioner that was entered into less than two years prior to the beneficiary's admission to the United States as an immigrant.

Geoff Zheng: hi, guys, I am US citizen and want to apply I-130 for my wife, should I mail my application documents to GZ consulate? I am sorry if I am not in the right place to ask

Visa Officer Marc Cook: Immigrant Visa petitioners must be filed at a regional USCIS office in the US. Some petitioners who have been resident in China for more than 6 months may be eligible to file their petition at the USCIS offices in Guangzhou or Beijing, depending on where they live. All K visas and numerically limited visas must be filed in the US.

Wong: I have an immigrant visa application pending, I heard that if I am willing to hire a visa consultant to help me with the visa process, it would make my visa process faster and easier. Should I hire a lawyer or visa consultant?

Visa Officer Marc Cook: This is a decision that only you can make. Note that the U.S. Consulate does not endorse or have a "special relationship" with any individual or business that offers advice or assistance with the visa process. No one can guarantee the issuance of a visa to you. Anyone who tells you otherwise is misinformed or lying. The only US consular office in Guangzhou is located on the 5th floor at Tianyu. All US government forms are free and available on the internet. Beware that many visa applicants lose money or are permanently barred from the US as a result of misleading information and fraudulent applications provided by visa consultants.

John kwang: We received a blue paper saying that my family is likely to become public charge? What does that mean?

Visa Officer Marc Cook: According to US immigration law, your beneficiary cannot receive a visa if he or she is likely to become primarily dependent on the US government for subsistence after arrival. While the poverty guideline is a starting point in determining whether someone will be a public charge, we must consider the totality of the circumstances. Besides the petitioner's income, we consider factors such as age, health, work skills, and education.

Alex: I had the document you are asking for, why didn't the interviewing officer take all my materials and look at them?

Visa Officer Marc Cook: Consular officers will occasionally give applicants a refusal sheet requesting that they submit documents that they brought with them to the interview. This happens because the applicant also needs to provide other information that they did not have at the interview, and the officer would prefer to review everything together at a later time, either because the applicant was having difficulty locating documents in a timely manner, or the information was in a format that cannot be stored in the Consulate (such as a large photo album)

wang hanxi: hello, could you tell me the Visa Section's fax number or email address?

Visa Officer Marc Cook: You can find the IV email address and fax number here:
<http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/contactiv.html>

luckystar: I applied a K1 VISA.I had a interview in AUG.but I got a blue sheet.VO said he need more days to name check.and he didn't asked any my documents when interviewed.but after 20 days.he asked me send some document.I have sent my document 20 days.but still no any news.how long I have to wait

Visa Officer Marc Cook: Mail and faxes are processed in the order received by the Consulate. Due to the large volume of visa applications and inquiries, we cannot review the documents and the correspondence we receive instantaneously. Sometimes it can take up to several months. To ensure efficient processing of your submission, please be sure to include your name, case number and mailing address in Chinese characters, along with your contact phone number.

zhy: my fiance went to interview on August 18, before that she read <http://guangzhou-ch.usembassy-china.org.cn/kvfaq.html> she provided everything to Consulate Officer except that when Consulate Officer asked her documents ARE NOT mentioned from that web site were phone bill, chat, emails, home title from me and my fiance had all those documents but she did not bring with her

Visa Officer Marc Cook: Every case is judged on its own merits. The interviewing officer will occasionally ask for additional documentation not mentioned on the website in order to ascertain whether your relationship is bona fide.

In fact, there is a FAQ on our website specifying that there is no checklist of documents that officers use to determine whether to approve a case. Please refer to our website http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/iv_faqs.htm#18

netsanet: do K-1 Visa petitioner should submit both form I-864 and I-134? thank you!

Visa Officer Marc Cook: No, they are only required to submit the I-134.

Aimee: My birthday is 1988 November 19 day, 2008 October I have already pass the United States immigrate visa, I preparation at 2009 February leave for go to the United States, while please inquire about I meeting because of my age out situation but can't go to the United States?

Visa Officer Marc Cook: Normally, the immigrant visa has 6 months of validity, which means you have to enter the United States before your visa expires. Under such circumstance, if your visa was issued in October 2008, it is going to expire by February, 2009. That is well before you turn 21. Therefore, the aging out issue does not apply to your situation.

Netty: My mom received a letter which says "congratulations. Your visa has been approved. Please come to Guangzhou to pick up the package". But when she got there, she didn't get her visa. She only received a notice which says needs more information and documents including health form and notary. (she already submitted them on 07/10/2008 when she was interviewed). We are so confused. She flew from Shanghai and is staying in a hotel now. Please let us know what to do now as soon as possible. Thanks a lot.

Visa Officer Marc Cook: Some of the visa application documents including the medical report and notarized certificates have limited validity. It is not uncommon that by the time when the applicants receive our notice and return to the consulate to continue the visa application, their documents have already expired. In your mother's case, we would suggest that she follow the instructions on the latest notice from the consulate. If she still has concerns, she can contact the Immigrant Visa unit. You can find our email address and fax number here: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/contactiv.html>

kai: What do refusal codes 5a and 221g mean? What is the difference.?

Visa Officer Marc Cook: **212(a)(5)(A)** is a proper ground of refusal for IV applicants who are determined not to be eligible for the IV category under which they have applied. For example, it is used to refuse family-based IV applicants when it is determined that the requisite family relationship does not exist (e.g., a marriage to circumvent immigration law, or DNA tests establish lack of paternity/maternity). A 212(a)(5)(A) refusal is appropriate in these cases because, once the alien no longer falls within a family-based

IV category, the alien is no longer exempt from the labor certification requirement that would otherwise normally apply to immigrant applicants.

Visa Officer Marc Cook: **Section 221(g)** generally is applied to cases that require further submission of documents, evidence, and review, but that are normally otherwise qualified or not subject to other ineligibilities. If you were refused a visa under 221(g) at your interview and the Consular Officer requested that you provide further information, you should follow the instructions on your refusal sheet and mail the documents directly to the Consulate. Please make sure that you include in your submission all the original refusal sheets that were given to you at the interview.

For further information on these and other ineligibilities, please refer to Citizenship and Immigration Services website: <http://www.uscis.gov>

Xio yun: I'm applying for a K3, but received non-immigrant visa forms. Is K3 an immigrant or non-immigrant visa?

Visa Officer Marc Cook: The K3 is a non-immigrant visa category that the U.S. Congress created in 2000 in an effort to reunite U.S. citizens and their foreign national spouses and children while their immediate relative petitions are being processed. Petitioners seeking to apply under this category may file an [I-129F](#) petition for the K3 visa after filing an I-130 petition for the CR1 visa. Because this is a non-immigrant visa application based on an approved immigrant visa petition, the spouse of the U.S. citizen (the K-3 applicant) therefore must complete non-immigrant visa application forms while meeting some of the requirements of an immigrant visa.

Since it can often take a long time to adjust from K3 to IR1/CR1 status in the United States, beneficiaries will usually opt to pursue their IR1/CR1 petition instead of their K3 petition when the former has arrived at the Consulate by the time of their interview. For more information please [click here](#)

jim: I am a U.S. Citizen and my application for my stepson was approved and went to the U.S. Embassy in Guangzhou on May 26, 2005. we have called the national visa center and they say it is at the consulate. The consulate in Guangzhou, whether through certified mail, fax, prepaid citic cards, cannot give us an answer. what can we do? thank you

Visa Officer Marc Cook: The quickest, most efficient way to contact the immigrant visa section is through our online submission form found here: <http://www.usembassy-china.org.cn/guangzhou/iv/email.html>

Visa Officer Marc Cook: That will bring this session to a close. Thank you for submitting your questions and sorry that I could not get to all of them. If you have additional questions that were not answered you can contact the IV section through email or fax, details are: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/contactiv.html>